



AIRMETS
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CONVECTIVE
SIGMETS

WHY?

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AIRMETS

(Airmen's Meteorological Advisories)

An AIRMET (AIRman's METeorological Information) advises of weather that maybe hazardous, other than convective activity, to single engine, other light aircraft, and Visual Flight Rule (VFR) pilots. However, operators of large aircraft may also be concerned with these phenomena. The items covered are:

AIRMET Sierra (IFR):

- Ceilings less than 1000 feet and/or visibility less than 3 miles affecting the area at one time.
- Extensive mountain obscuration

AIRMET Tango (Turbulence):

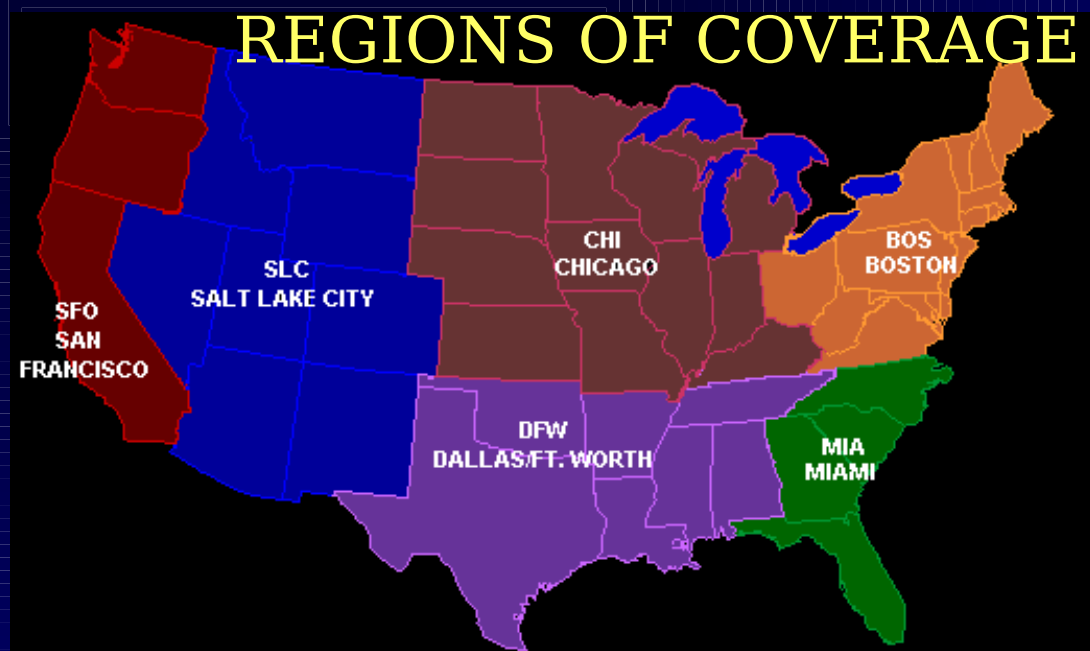
- Moderate turbulence
- Sustained surface winds of 30 knots or more at the surface

AIRMET Zulu (Icing):

- Moderate icing
- Freezing levels

These AIRMET items are considered to be *widespread* because they may or be forecast to affect an area of at least 3000 square miles at any one time, or if the total area to be affected during the forecast period is very large, only a small portion of this total area would be affected at any one time.

AIRMETs are routinely issued for 6 hour periods beginning at 0145 UTC during Daylight Time and at 0245 UTC during Central Standard Time. AIRMETs may be amended as necessary due to changing weather conditions or issuance of a SIGMET.



AIRMET Sierra (*IFR and Mountain Obscuration*)

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MIAS WA 301945

AIRMET SIERRA UPDT 4 FOR IFR VALID UNTIL 010200

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NONE EXP.

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MIAT WA 301945

AIRMET TANGO UPDT 4 FOR TURB VALID UNTIL 010200

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AIRMET TURB...FL AND CSTL WTRS
FROM OMN TO 110E OMN TO 130SE MIA TO 30SW
EYW TO 30ESE SRQ TO
OMN
OCNL MOD TURB BLW 150 ASSOCD WITH MOD ELY
WND FLOW. CONDS
00Z-02Z.

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MIAZ WA 301945

AIRMET ZULU UPDT 3 FOR ICE AND FRZLVL VALID UNTIL 010200

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AIRMET ICE...FL AND CSTL WTRS
FROM 70ESE OMN TO 70ENE PBI TO 130SE MIA TO
30S EYW TO 80WSW
PIE TO 70ESE OMN
OCNL MOD RIME/MXD ICGICIP BTN 120 AND FL250.
CONDS CONTG BYD
02Z THRU 08Z.

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FRZLVL...090-120 THRUT.

AIRMET Tango (*Turbulence and Strong Surface*)

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MIAT WA 301945

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MIAT WA 301946 COR

AIRMET TANGO UPDT 4 FOR TURB VALID UNTIL 010200

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AIRMET Zulu (*Icing and Freezing Level*)

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SIGMETs

(Significant Meteorological Advisories)

SIGMETs are in-flight advisories that warn of internationally specified weather phenomena of an intensity and/or extent that concerns pilots and operators of all aircraft.

SIGMETs ARE ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- **Severe icing**
- **Severe or extreme turbulence**
- **Duststorms and sandstorms lowering visibilities to less than 3 miles**
- **Volcanic Ash**

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SIGMETs are issued for 6 hour periods for conditions associated with severe weather and 4 hours for all other events. If conditions persist beyond the forecast period, the SIGMET is updated and reissued.

EXAMPLE

SLCR WS 302055
SIGMET ROMEO 2 VALID UNTIL 010055
ID MT WA OR
FROM BLI TO FCA TO TWF TO OED TO BLI
OCNL SEV TURB BLW 160 ASSOCD MOD/STG WLY/SWLY
FLOW. LLWS IS ALSO LKLY. CONDS MOVG EWD AND CO
BYD 0055Z. SEE SIGMET ROMEO 1 OVR WA AND OR FOR
PREVIOUS ISSUANCE.
DSN

CONVECTIVE SIGMETS

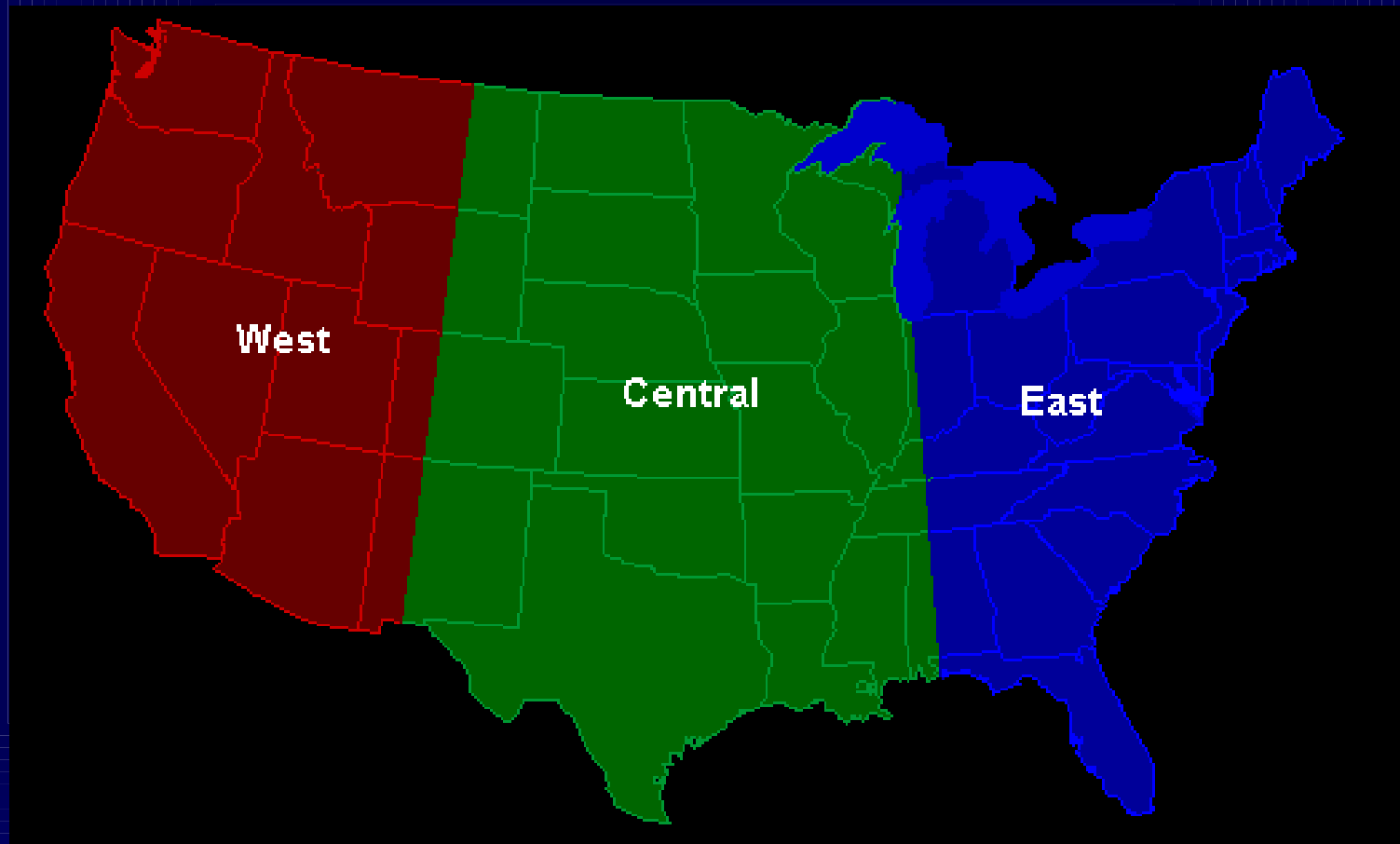
(Convective Significant Meteorological)

Convective SIGMETs are issued, in the United States, for any of the following:

- Severe Thunderstorm due to:
 - ✓ Surface winds greater than or equal to 50 knots
 - ✓ Hail at the surface greater than or equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter
 - ✓ Tornadoes
- Embedded Thunderstorms
- Line of Thunderstorms
- Thunderstorms greater than or equal to VIP level 4 affecting an area at least 3,000 square miles.

- ★ Any Convective SIGMET implies severe or greater turbulence, severe low-level wind shear.
- ★ A Convective SIGMET may be issued for any convective situation which the forecaster feels is hazardous to all categories of aircraft.

**ive SIGMETs are issued for the Eastern (E), Central ©, and West
ates. The areas do overlap to cover most cases when phenomena
The boundaries.**



Example

WSTC

MKCC WST 010055

CONVECTIVE SIGMET 1C

VALID UNTIL 0255Z

IL

FROM 20NNW STL-30S DEC-
60ESE STL-20NNW STL
DMSHG AREA TS MOV FROM
20020KT. TOPS TO FL290.

CONVECTIVE SIGMET 2C

VALID UNTIL 0255Z

TX

FROM 30ESE LBB-30ENE MAF
LINE SEV TS 25 NM WIDE MOV
FROM 34020KT. TOPS TO
FL450.
HAIL TO 2 IN...WIND GUSTS TO
50 KT POSS.

CONVECTIVE SIGMET 3C

VALID UNTIL 0255Z

MN IA NE

FROM 20SE RWF-50N MCW-
50NNW OVR-60NE OBH-20SE
RWF

AREA SEV TS MOV FROM

Bulletins are issued at 55 min
the hour. The text of a bulletin
Of either an observation and a
or just a forecast. The forecast
for up to 2 hours.

